



State of Connecticut
General Assembly
Committee on Transportation

Dear Committee Member,

RE: Act Concerning Removal of snow and ice from motor vehicles

All-Star Transportation is a school bus contractor in the State of Connecticut which serves twenty one (21) school districts. We operate approximately five hundred (500) school vehicles daily. We are primarily located in Litchfield County.

We are primarily located in the Litchfield Hills which receives a significant amount of snow fall each year. At our facilities we make every attempt after every storm to clear the vehicles of snow and ice. A school bus is over twelve (12) feet high. Even with long roof rakes this is a challenge to accomplish. We give it our best. Unfortunately we live in New England and snow and ice are part of our geographic chemistry.

After Monday's storm last week, I was traveling south on Route 8 towards Waterbury behind a Dodge minivan. A chunk of snow came off this van and hit the hood of my vehicle. As I reflect on that now I realize that I was following too close. It did scare me but if I was following at the proper distant I would have had adequate time to prepare for this.

If this act is passed, I will be forced in some situations to contact my school district and tell them that school will have to be cancelled until I can get my fleet ready for operation. The timing of storms and the outside temperatures do not always allow me clear all of the ice off of vehicles. Cancelling school will have effect on the communities we service.

Please do not pass this act and keep the current law in effect. School bus contractors across the state make every effort to make sure all vehicles are safe for operation on our roads.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leslie Sheldon", is written over a horizontal line.

Leslie Sheldon
Operations Manager